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More Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING events

Neurodiversity: A Primer for Libraries: 09/22/2021

Explore neurodiversity and determine what you can do to use people-first language, broaden your library's scope of ADA compliance, and create programs and advocate for people who are neurodiverse.

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Welcoming Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patrons to Your Library 09/29/21

Learn tips for communicating with deaf and hard of hearing patrons, information about American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, and basic ASL vocabulary to introduce yourself and help patrons navigate the library.

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Safe Zone Virtual Workshop: 10/07/2021

Help build a safe space by learning ways to visibly identify students, staff, faculty, and community members who support the LGBTQ+ population.

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Workshop Postponed

The Research Institute for Public Libraries workshop scheduled for next week is postponed. Our goal is to reschedule this training for spring 2022. Please keep an eye on our email newsletters and social media accounts for information on future training. Thank you for your interest.



Stop Dreaming, Start Doing

It is possible to obtain the grant you dream of for your nonprofit organization; you need help getting started. Let us give you a boost with two of our most popular workshops. We begin with [Creating a Winning Proposal](#) on September 16. This session features key components and details that, while essential, you don't want to forget. On September 29, we dive into electronic and print resources in [Finding a Funder](#) to uncover foundations and corporations that might be able to provide the funding you need.

We're Hiring



Opportunities Await

There are a few days left to apply for two open positions at our library. The [Continuing Education Consultant](#) works with South Carolina library staff to develop skills that best serve their communities. The [Library Services Specialist](#) serves on the front lines, helping public libraries, state employees, and patrons. These postings close on Sunday, September 19. Apply today.

Discus Dazzles

We are pleased to announce the release of the new website for [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). Current users will recognize similar access point tabs of A-Z Resources, Discus Kids, Grade Level, and Subject tabs. Also, Discus users will have these added benefits:

- Resource filtering by subject, grade level, and vendor
- A new How-To tab with an FAQ, Getting Started handouts and videos, Technical Requirements, and Mobile Access information
- Subjects visible on the A-Z Resource list for ease of understanding information content
- Training tab with pages for Calendar, Videos and Recordings, Training Guides and Handouts, and a training request form
- A new Support tab with Teacher Toolkit, Technical Support, and Periodicals Title Lists



Discus



One Card, Unlimited Advantages

Whether you apply for a State Library card, a card for your local public library, or both, we encourage everyone to take advantage of equal access to information this month. A library card can impact many facets of your life, from learning about hobbies and entertainment to connecting you with sources that help expand your career and educational opportunities. Take advantage of this free resource. Applications for one of our eCards [are available online](#).

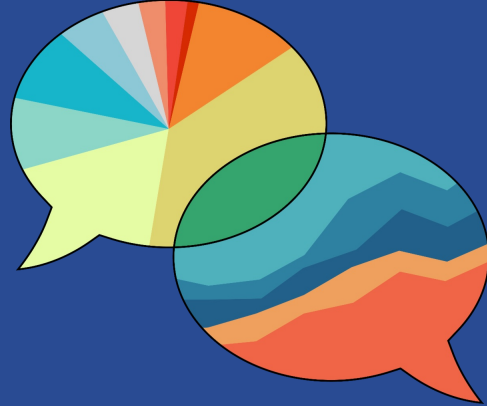
BUSINESS TRANSFER GUIDE

Senior Generation



August 2021 New State Documents

If the retirement bug is buzzing, but you don't quite know how to capture it, the featured state document for August may be the solution. Often, farm transfer decisions can be complicated, but they don't have to be with help from the [Business Transfer Guide, Senior Generation](#). This workbook from the [Clemson University Cooperative](#) takes you step-by-step through the farm transfer process at your own pace. The complete [August 2021 list](#) of new South Carolina state documents is available. We are accepting nominations for the 2021 [Notable State State Documents Award](#), recognizing outstanding state publications. Submit nominations by December 31, 2021.



Third Thursday Data Chats

Join us tomorrow, September 16, for this month's [Third Thursday Data Chat](#) featuring the annual Public Libraries Survey. We will briefly review the IMLS report, "Characteristics of Public Libraries in the United States: Results from the FY 2019 Public Libraries Survey," and see where South Carolina ranks against other states. Afterward, we will have a check-in on the FY2021 Public Libraries Survey data collection process. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please bring them to the meeting or email them to [Leah Cannon](#).



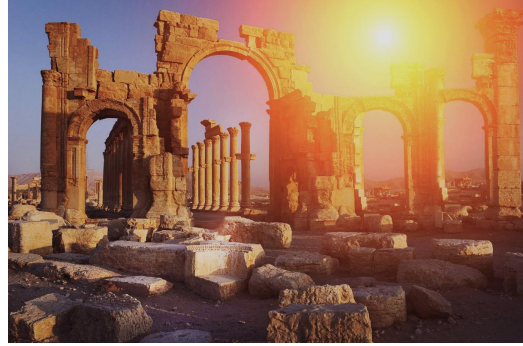
Celebrate Banned Books

Launched in 1982, [Banned Books Week](#) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. The event highlights the value of free and open access to information, assembling the entire book community to support the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. This year's theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." The [Top 10 Challenged Books of 2020](#) collaborate with the theme.

Arkhaiois Film Festival

International Archaeology Day is October 16. To celebrate, Arkhaiois will offer a virtual film festival from October 11 to 17. Organizers need libraries

to host access to the films. The schedule is flexible and minimal equipment is needed. For more information or to host this event please [contact the festival organizers.](#)



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